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1. SUMMARY: JULY PROVED RELATIVELY QUIET MONTH HIGHLIGHTED BY: VISIT TO MEXICO BY ED JOHNSON OF OMB; TRIP TO WASHINGTON BY DR. BELSASSO OF CEMEF AND AN EXPANDED INTERNATIONAL ROLE FOR HIS ORGANIZATION; MORE PUBLIC STATEMENTS CONCERNING THE DRUG ABUSE PROBLEM HERE; A HELICOPTER THAT DID NOT CRASH; THREE US CITIZEN GUN
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SMUGGLERS WHO DID; A HUNGER STRIKE BY US AND CANADIAN

PRISONERS; AND THE ARRIVAL OF TWO HARD-WORKING BELL AND PRATT AND WHITNEY TECH REPS. HEROIN SEIZURES WERE UP SLIGHTLY IN JULY , BUT COCAINE, FOR A STIMULANT, WAS SINGULARLY DEPRESSED. END SUMMARY.

2. EMBASSY AND GOM ACTIVITIES

A. ED JOHNSON, DEPUTY CHIEF FOR INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS CONTROL, FEDERAL DRUG MANAGEMENT DIVISION, OFFICE OF MANAGE-

MENT AND BUDGET, VISITED MEXICO JUNE 30-JULY 3. NEWLY APPOINTED AND INTERESTED IN BRIEFING HIM FULLY ON THE MEXICAN NARCOTIC PROBLEM, MR. JOHNSON HELD CONVERSATIONS WITH AMBASSADOR AND INTERESTED AGENCIES AT US MISSION, ATTENDED MEETING OF THE EMBASSY NARCOTICS CONTROL COMMITTEE AND, ON GOM SIDE, CALLED ON DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL ROSALES MIRANDA.

B. THE DIRECTOR OF THE MEXICAN CENTER FOR DRUG DEPENDENCY RESEARCH (CEMEF), DR. GUIDO BELSASSO, WENT TO WASHINGTON IN EARLY JULY WITH DR. PIEDER KONZ, DIRECTOR OF THE UN SOCIAL RESEARCH DEFENSE INSTITUTE (UNSRDI). THE PURPOSE OF THEIR TRIP WAS LARGELY TO REPORT ON THE UNSRDI CONFERENCE HELD IN MEXICO IN LATE JUNE (AND REPORTED IN LAST MONTH'S MISSION NARCOTICS REVIEW). WHILE IN WASHINGTON THEY CONFERRED WITH DR. ROBERT DUPONT AND AMBASSADOR SHELDON VANCE. BEFORE DRS. BELSASSO AND KONZ LEFT FOR WASHINGTON, THEY, SEVERAL GOM CABINET OFFICERS AND AGENCY HEADS AND UNSRDI DELEGATES, GAVE PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA A BRIEFING ON THE CONCLUSIONS OF THE CONFERENCE. THE PRESIDENT REAFFIRMED HIS GREAT INTEREST IN THE PROBLEM OF DRUG ADDICTION, WHICH HE CONSIDERS ONE OF THE MOST URGENT POSED BY MODERN SOCIETY.

C. IN A CONVERSATION WITH DR. BELSASSO HELD HERE FOLLOWING HIS RETURN FROM WASHINGTON, THE CEMEF DIRECTOR WAXED ENTHUSIASTIC IN DESCRIBING THE UNSRDI CONFERENCE AND THE GOM'S PLANS FOR DEVELOPING ITS INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS IN THE NARCOTICS TREATMENT/REHABILITATION FIELD. BELSASSO SAID THE CEMEF HAS TAKEN THE INITIATIVE

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IN SERVING AS "CLEARING HOUSE" FOR DRUG INFORMATION TO AND FROM THE REST OF LATIN AMERICA. AS OUTGROWTH OF UNSRDI MEETING, BELSASSO ACCOMPANIED PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA DURING LAST HALF OF HIS WHIRLWIND LATIN AMERICAN TOUR, DURING WHICH CEMEF CONCLUDED AGREEMENTS FOR NARCOTICS COOPERATION WITH GOVERNMENT AGENCIES IN VENEZUELA AND JAMAICA, AND WITH UNIVERSITY OF PANAMA.

D. SEVERAL PUBLIC STATEMENTS ON DRUG ADDICTION WERE MADE DURING JULY , WITH : (A) THE MAYOR OF CIUDAD NEZAHUALCOYOT (KNOWN AS THE LARGEST SLUM IN LATIN AMERICA) ANNOUNCING AN ANTI-DRUG CAMPAIGN, TO BE CARRIED OUT IN COORDINATION WITH CEMEF; (B) THE PRESIDENT OF THE MEDICAL SOCIETY OF THE VALLEY OF MEXICO STATING THAT HEROIN, MORPHINE AND COCAINE HAVE BROKEN THE FORMER BARRIERS OF NON-USE, AND ARE NOW ABUSED BY MANY YOUTHS IN THE BETTER MEXICAN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS; AND (C) A LONG FEATURE IN EL DIA, TAKING THE GOM TO TASK FOR TOO MUCH PROLIFERATION OF ANTI-DRUG AGENCIES AND EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS, ALLEGEDLY RESULTING IN TOO LITTLE EFFECTIVENESS.

E. IN EARLY JULY IT WAS REPORTED IN THE PRESS THAT AN HELICOPTER OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE, WITH HIGH-RANKING MILITARY OFFICERS ABOARD, CRASHED IN THE STATE OF GUERRERO. TWO DAYS LATER IT WAS ANNOUNCED THAT THE HELICOPTER IN QUESTION HAD NOT IN FACT CRASHED, BUT HAD ONLY RUN OUT OF FUEL AND BEEN FORCED TO AN EMERGENCY LANDING, WITH NO DAMAGE TO AIRCRAFT OR OCCUPANTS.

F. THREE AMERICAN CITIZENS WERE REPORTED AMONG THOSE ARRESTED IN A WIDELY-PUBLICIZED GOM ROUNDUP OF NEARLY 100 CRIMINAL ELEMENTS IN GUADALAJARA. THE AMCITS REPORTEDLY ADMITTED TO SUPPLYING ARMS AND OTHER CONTRABAND TO THE GANG MEMBERS. (THE FEDERAL POLICE HAD IN FACT SEIZED A LARGE NUMBER OF WEAPONS, AMMUNITION, CONTRABAND AND MODERATELY LARGE QUANTITIES OF DRUGS.) IN FURTHER ACTIVITY DIRECTED AGAINST ARMS SMUGGLING, BUT WITH IM-PORTANT FALLOUT FOR ANTI-NARCOTIC CAMPAIGN, THE MEXICAN NAVY ANNOUNCED THAT DETACHMENTS OF MARINES ON COASTS OF OAXACA, MICHOACAN AND GUERRERO HAD BEEN REINFORCED TO PREVENT ILLEGAL INTRODUCTION OF ARMS IN EXCHANGE
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FOR MARIJUANA.

G. HUNGER STRIKE BY US AND CANADIAN PRISONERS AT LECUMBERRI PRISON AND FEDERAL PENITENTIARY FOR WOMEN RECEIVED GOOD DEAL OF PUBLICITY IN MEXICAN AND US PRESS DURING MUCH OF JULY. NEARLY ALL WERE PRISONERS CHARGED WITH NARCOTICS OFFENSES, MOST FOR IMPORTATION OF COCAINE. PRISONERS WERE PROTESTING INTER ALIA ALLEGED US PRESSURE ON GOM TO KEEP AMCITS CONFINED ON NARCOTICS CHARGES AND GIVE THEM MAXIMUM SENTENCES; PURPORTED LACK OF PROTECTION BY US EMBASSY AND EVEN SUPPOSED PRESENCE OF DEA AGENTS DURING MEXICAN TORTURING OF ARRESTEES. EMBASSY OF COURSE ISSUED DENIALS OF THESE FABRICATIONS. (WHOLE EPISODE THOROUGHLY REPORTED IN MEXICO 5858, 6122, 6159, 6243 AND 6319.)

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H. BELL HELICOPTER, AND PRATT AND WHITNEY TURBINE TECHNICAL REPRESENTATIVES, SUPPLIED UNDER JUNE 24 AGREEMENT FOR PERIOD OF ONE YEAR, ARE HARD AT WORK ON AIRCRAFT OF ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE. BIGGEST PROBLEM AT MOMENT IS OBTAINING SPARES FOR MILITARY-VERSION BELL 212 HELICOPTERS.

3. GOM ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES

A. WITH US AUTHORITIES

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4 KG HEROIN SEIZED IN CIUDAD JUAREZ; EX-CHIHUAHUA STATE
JUDICIAL POLICEMAN ARRESTED.

TWO TONS PACKAGED MARIJUANA SEIZED IN MEXICO CITY; 3 PERSONS
ARRESTED.

5 TONS PACKAGED MARIJUANA TAKEN IN ACAPULCO; ONE ARREST.

1 POUND OF HEROIN SEIZED IN REYNOSA; 4 PERSONS ARRESTED.

1 KG HEROIN SEIZED IN CIUDAD JUAREZ; 3 ARRESTS, INCLUDING
GRANDSON OF "LA NACHA".

3000 POUNDS MARIJUANA TAKEN AT SAN LUIS, SONORA; 3 ARRESTS.

24 OZ HEROIN SEIZED IN NOGALES; 1 ARREST.

16 TONS MARIJUANA SEIZED IN TECATE, BAJA CALIFORNIA; 11
PERSONS ARRESTED.

B. INDEPENDENT MEXICAN OPERATIONS

US CITIZENS ARRESTED WITH ONE POUND COCAINE AT MEXICO
CITY AIRPORT.

2. TONS MARIJUANA SEIZED IN TANK TRUCK AT NUEVO LAREDO;
TWO PERSONS ARRESTED.

US CITIZEN ARRESTED WITH ONE POUND COCAINE AT MEXICO CITY
AIRPORT.

1 KILO COCAINE SEIZED IN MEXICALI; 3 ARRESTS. FURTHER
INVESTIGATION PRODUCED 6.5 KG HEROIN AND AN ADDITIONAL
ARREST.

40 GM HEROIN AND MANY WEAPONS SEIZED IN MAZATLAN; 4
ARRESTS.

2 TONS MARIJUANA TAKEN NEAR TIJUANA; 1 ARREST.

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6 US CITIZENS AND ONE HONDURAN ARRESTED WHEN FEDERAL

POLICE BROKE UP TRAFFICKING RING IN CHOLULA, PUEBLA.
2000 PILLS, OPIUM, HALLUCINOGENIC MUSHROOMS, MARIJUANA
SEIZED.

1 TON MARIJUANA TAKEN IN SAN LUIS; 3 ARRESTS.

15 GM HEROIN SEIZED, ONE ARREST IN ENSENADA.

48 KG PROCAINE USED FOR CUTTING, SEIZED IN MEXICALI.

C. MONTHLY WRAPUP (OFFICIAL GOM)

OPIUM

FIELDS DESTROYED	20
AREA IN SQUARE METERS	53,000 M2
OPIUM GUM	5.6 KG
HEROIN	14.25 KG

COCAINE	2 KG
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AMPHETAMINES AND BARBITURATES 2000 TABLETS

MARIJUANA

FIELDS DESTROYED	309
AREA IN SQUARE METERS	539,246 M2
MARIJUANA (DRY) SEIZED	35.245 TONS
SEED	12.5 KG

AIRCRAFT SEIZED	2
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AUTOMOBILES AND TRUCKS	58
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ARRESTS

FOREIGNERS (MOSTLY US)	15
MEXICAN NATIONALS	170

(NOTE: ONCE AGAIN THIS MONTH THE OFFICIAL GOM STATISTICS
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